



## Senator Bob Menendez

United States Senator for State of New Jersey



Won a seat on Union City Board of Education at age 20

Previously served as Mayor of Union City and other elected positions in N.J.

Served as U.S. Congressman in the House of Representatives (1993-2006)

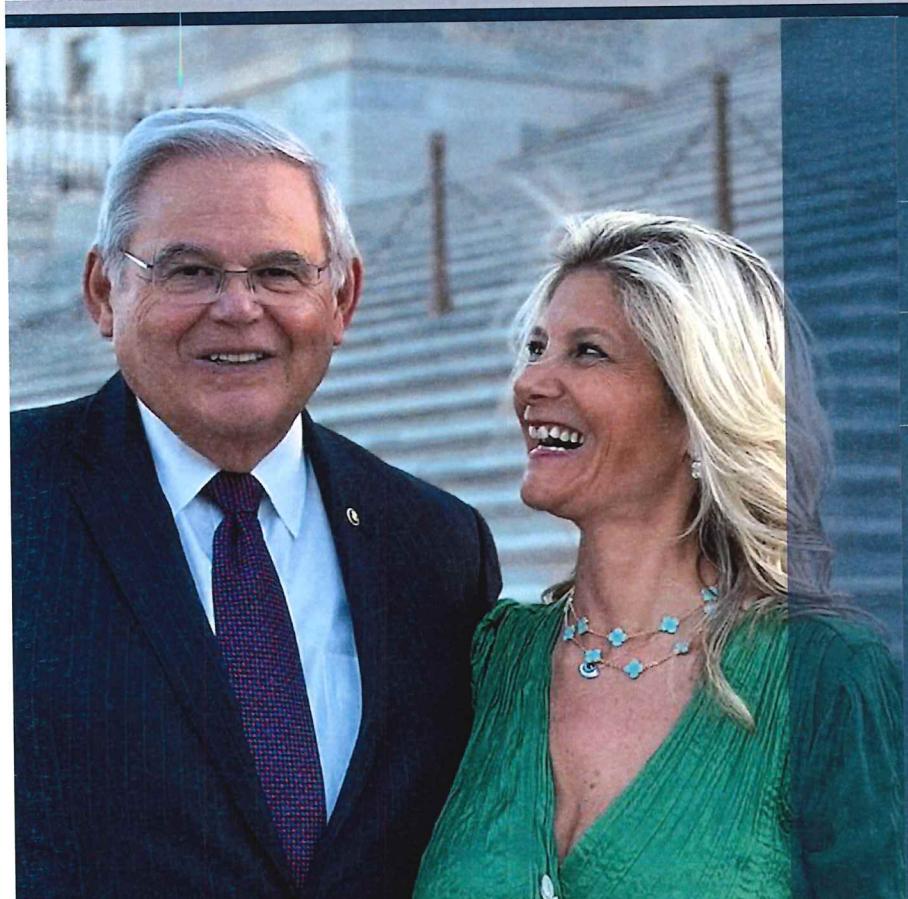
Served with distinction in U.S. Senate since 2006

Parents fled Cuba for the U.S. in 1950s

Grew up in a tenement in Union City, N.J.

First in his family to go to college and graduate law school

Raised two children: daughter Elisia (journalist) and son Rob (U.S. Congressman for N.J.)



## Nadine Menendez & Sen. Bob Menendez



Bob was married for 29 years before his divorce



Bob and Nadine began dating in early 2018



Nadine speaks 4 languages



Nadine holds a B.A. and M.A. from NYU



Bob and Nadine became engaged in  
October 2019



Bob and Nadine married in October 2020

- Bob and Nadine lived apart until April 2020
- Bob had modest one-bedroom apartment in N.J. and D.C.
- Bob's D.C. apartment was \$1,600/month



**Nadine Menendez &  
Sen. Bob Menendez**



Married when Bob was 66 and Nadine was 53



Children were adults



Separate finances



House was in Nadine's name only



Bob spent most of the workweek in Washington, D.C.



Nadine mainly stayed in New Jersey



Separate cellphone plans

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Yes, let's adopt her suggestion

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of history.**

**We are made  
by history.**

**– Martin Luther King Jr.**

## Constituent Services



- ▶ Members of Congress have engaged in “constituent service” activities since the earliest Congress
- ▶ Senator Menendez has a large staff of people assigned to help with constituent services
- ▶ Constituent services help with:
  - Passport expedition
  - Family visa issues
  - Administrative agency issues
  - Larger, community-wide issues that may affect a whole class of people

**Every Action Senator Menendez Took  
Was To Help His Constituents**

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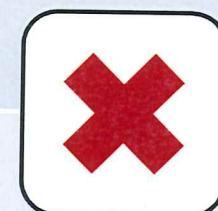
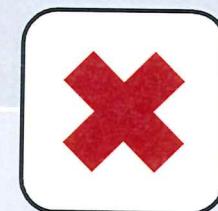
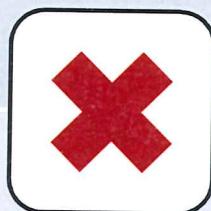
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**Diplomacy is listening to  
what the other guy needs. . . .**

**You have to develop  
relationships with other  
people so when the tough  
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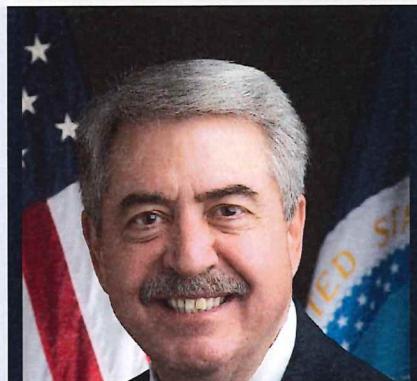
**– General Colin Powell**



## Government of the United States



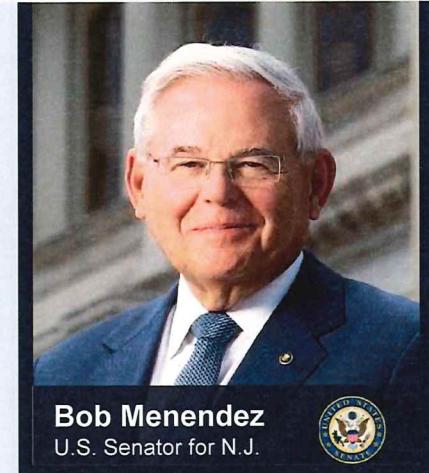
### Executive Branch



**Ted McKinney**  
Under Secretary, USDA



### Legislative Branch



**Bob Menendez**  
U.S. Senator for N.J.



United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Eric H. Holder  
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U.S. Department of Justice  
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

We are writing to once again express our concern that Hispanic and female farmers who suffered discrimination at the hands of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), are not receiving the same level of justice as African-Americans and Native Americans who suffered virtually identical discrimination. The recent settlement of the *Keepseagle* case further illustrates this point, as Native American victims will stand to have significantly more opportunities to redress the wrongs perpetrated against them than their fellow Hispanic and female victims. In expressing these concerns, we do not intend to address matters involved in any ongoing litigation.

As you know, the underlying facts of the claims made by African-Americans, Hispanics, females, and Native Americans, some of whom may have lost millions as a result of discrimination, are nearly identical. In the words of Timothy Pigford, the lead plaintiff in the Pigford case, Hispanics and females "suffered the same discrimination by the USDA as African American farmers." The indisputable fact remains that farmers and ranchers were denied access to USDA loans, farm benefits, and credit services due to their race, ethnicity, and gender, and were not given proper opportunity for recourse. We must not remedy the underlying discrimination in a way that compounds that discrimination by treating victims differently based on their race, ethnicity, or gender.

We are concerned that the program that you have announced regarding Hispanic and female farmers will not meet your stated objectives of parity and adequate redress, in large part because the Department of Justice (DOJ) is imposing a cap based on a number of claimants that may be drastically underestimated. The Congressional Research Service recently noted, "[T]here seems to be a consensus that many of the issues surrounding the implementation of Pigford can be attributed to the gross underestimation of the number of claims that would actually be filed." We fear DOJ is about to repeat this same mistake. Under your program, Hispanic and female farmers who were denied a loan and as a result, the words of then-Secretary Glickman, "lost their family land, not because of a bad crop, not because of a flood, but because of the color of their skin" are likely to be eligible for a mere fraction of the \$50,000 individual cap and therefore may never be able to rebuild their lives and recover their land.

Under the proposed program, the amount each victim will receive will depend on how many other victims there were, not the merits of each individual case. In a perverse way each victim will actually be punished the more the USDA discriminated, as the more valid claims there are,

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Sincerely,

  
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United States Senator

  
HARRY REID  
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PATRICK J. LEAHY  
United States Senator

  
MICHAEL F. BENNET  
United States Senator

  
MARK UDALL  
United States Senator

## Senate Resolution 390

- ▶ Thanked Qatar for helping rescue thousands of U.S. citizens and vulnerable Afghans following the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan
- ▶ Did not involve provision of any trade, arms, or money to Qatar
- ▶ Introduced by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R – S.C.)
- ▶ Senator Menendez was not a co-sponsor
- ▶ Passed by Voice Vote
- ▶ Sen. Menendez did not communicate with anybody from Qatar regarding this resolution

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

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